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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 570
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Matt Norvel Young,
Ph.D. of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mr. M. Norvel Young, Ph.D.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, the former Pepperdine University President was responsible for transforming Pepperdine from a small liberal arts college to a larger university with multiple schools and campuses around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Young, regarded as an inspiring evangelist with a talent for business brought in millions of dollars in contributions to Pepperdine University, including a \$25 million donation from George Graziadio of Imperial Bank for the George L. Graziadio School of Business and Management; and

WHEREAS, under his able leadership, Pepperdine College, a highly-regarded Christian-oriented private school, with an enrollment of about 950 students in 1957 grew to the 9,500 students they have today. In addition, Mr. Young opened up new schools of business, law, graduate studies and studies abroad programs. This drastic success is partially attributed to the move of the college he instituted from a 34-acre site at 79th Street and Vermont Avenue to the 830-acre campus opened in Malibu in 1972; and

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WHEREAS, born in Nashville, Tenn., Mr. Young attended David Lipscomb College and Abilene Christian University in Texas. He later studied at USC and George Peabody College and taught history at Pepperdine from 1938 to 1941 before earning his master's and doctorate degrees from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, he entered the ministry when he taught at David Lipscomb University and served as the exemplary pastor of the college church. He later became minister of what was to become the largest Church of Christ congregation in the nation, the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas; and

WHEREAS, while in Lubbock, Texas, this exceptional leader founded and edited two informative denominational magazines, *20th Century Christian* and *Power for Today*. Furthermore, he founded Lubbock Christian College (now a university) along with his wife, Helen Young's brother, F.W. Mattox in 1956; and

WHEREAS, in 1957 Mr. Young was persuaded to return to Pepperdine and become president of the college and he served with distinction in that important post until 1971; he then was appointed chancellor of the university and chancellor emeritus beginning in 1985; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Helen; his son, Matthew Norvel III; three daughters, Emily, Marilyn, and Sara; and was the proud grandparent of 10 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. M. Norvel Young, Ph.D., reflecting on her many selfless contributions to the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.